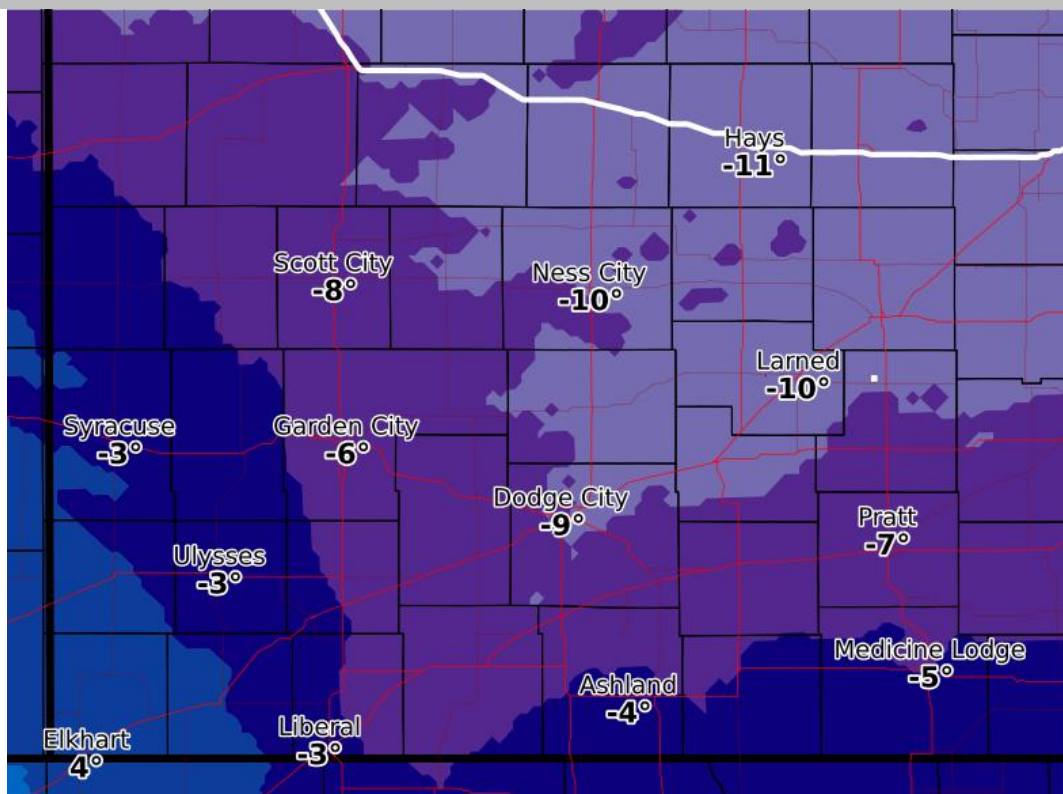




DANGEROUS WIND CHILLS AHEAD

Wind Chill Values Overnight tonight



Message of the Day:

- **Today:** Warmest day over the next seven days will be today with highs in the 40s & 50s. Limited Fire Danger conditions this afternoon.
- **Tonight through at least Jan. 2:** Wind chill values are expected to fall to -5 to -20F each night, with Sunday Night/Monday morning (Late New Year's Eve/Early New Year's Day) posing the greatest risk
- **New Year's Eve:** Lows will drop to 0 to -8F.

Important Forecast Changes

- Wind chill advisories may be issued.

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Plummeting Wind Chills in Store for SW KS!



Hazards: Dangerously low wind chills



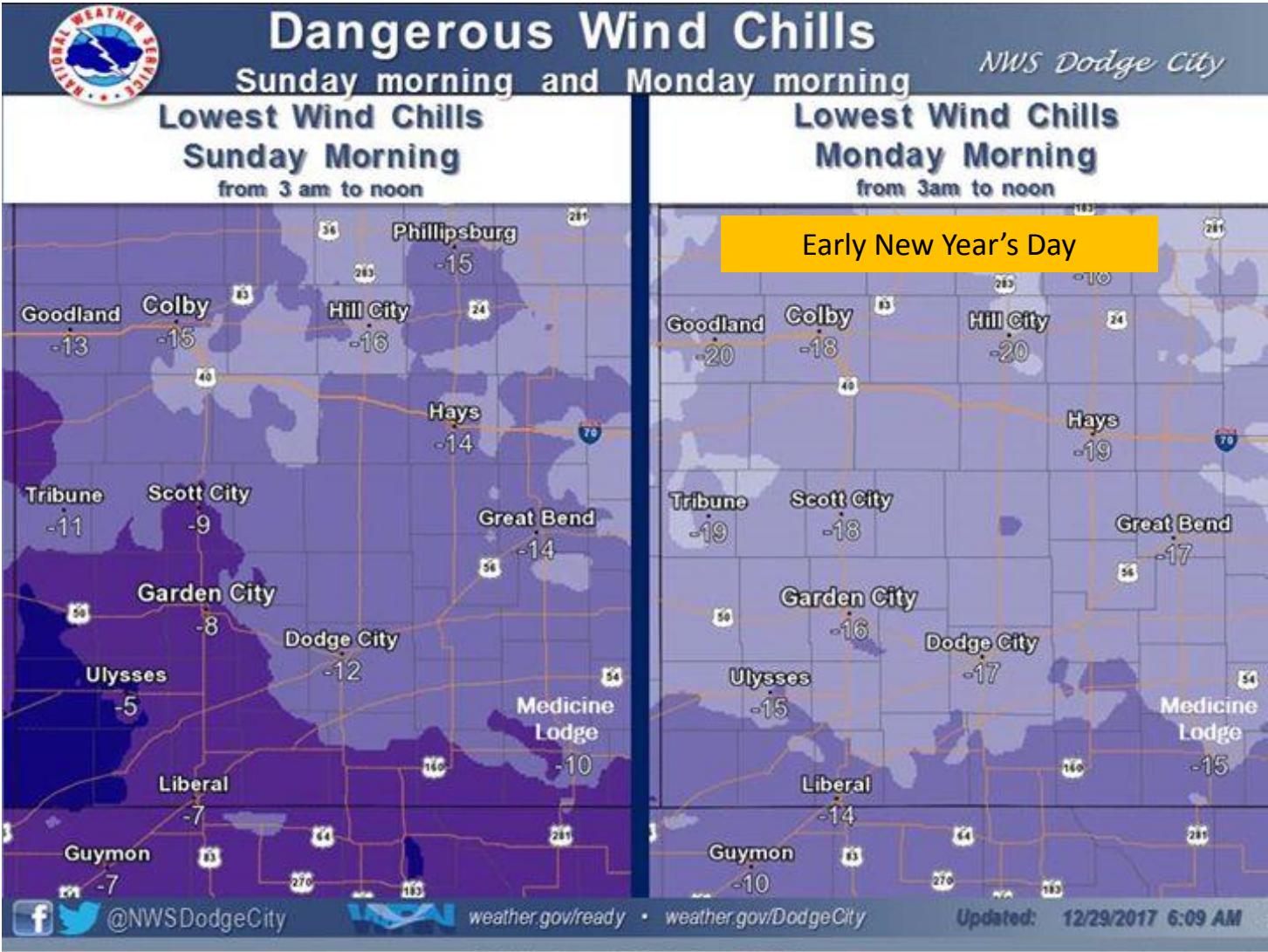
Areas Impacted: All of Southwestern Kansas



Timing & Duration: Each night through at least Jan. 2, with Sunday Evening (New Year's Eve) posing the greatest threat



Impacts: These values bring a risk for frostbite and hypothermia





Message of the Day:

- Avoid prolonged exposure outside.
- Wind chills this low bring a risk for frostbite and hypothermia
- Celebrate New Year's Eve safely.
 - Stay inside
 - Dress accordingly: Bundle up!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



Winter Weather Quick Facts and Preparedness:



Quick facts you should know about winter weather:

- Snow can occur at temperatures as high as 46 degrees if conditions are right.
- The record for most snowfall in the Lower 48 in a 24 hour period is 75.8" at Silver Lake, Colorado in 1921.
- Blizzard conditions are met when visibility in falling and blowing snow reaches ¼ mile or less and sustained wind speeds of 35 mph or greater occur for 3 hours or more.
- As little as 1/16" of ice can begin to impact roadways and sidewalks.
- As the wind increases, the body is cooled at a faster rate. The "wind chill" is a way for meteorologists to communicate what the combination of wind and temperature "feels like" to exposed skin.

Preparedness:

- A **Winter Storm Watch** is issued when conditions are favorable for significant winter weather and/or blizzard conditions. *Time to prepare!*
- A **Winter Storm Warning** is issued when a combination of heavy snow, blowing snow, and possibly ice mixed with snow is expected to impact the area. *Time to act!*
- A **Blizzard Warning** is issued when the combination of strong wind, low visibility, and heavy snow will significantly impact daily life.

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